

Gatwick NMB Executive CAP1616 Review

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Context for the Review

The Review is being undertaken in accordance with commitments made in CAP1616:

“The CAA will conduct a review of the process for proposed changes in airspace design in 2021, three years after CAP 1616 was first published”

Scope of the Review focusses on the regulatory process for permanent and temporary airspace change proposals, as well as airspace trials.



Stakeholder engagement

To support the Review, we decided to align our engagement approach with the principles of CAP1616. To date, we have:

- Facilitated three internal workshops with relevant subject matter experts (Summer 2021)
- Facilitated five external workshops with stakeholders representing a broad range of interests (Autumn 2021)
- Conducted a survey through Citizen Space (Autumn 2021)

Outputs from all of these activities will be considered and used to inform proposals that will be formally consulted on.



Workshop feedback themes

Several themes identified through our analysis of the feedback received:



Process

“The process is incredibly complicated and difficult to remain engaged with due to the length of time it takes”



Document structure

“Chapters should focus on process requirements / related outputs and appendices on providing guidance”



Engagement

“...it also forces stakeholders into making hurried comment because adequate time has not be given.”



Stages/Steps/Gateways

“Simplify the whole process...it is a burdensome cost to aviation”



Scalability

“Flexibility of the system to allow projects that are multi faceted and have interdependence”



Survey - Overview



In addition to the workshops facilitated with internal/external stakeholders, we sought feedback through a Citizen Space survey.

The survey was launched 1st November and remained open for 28-days.

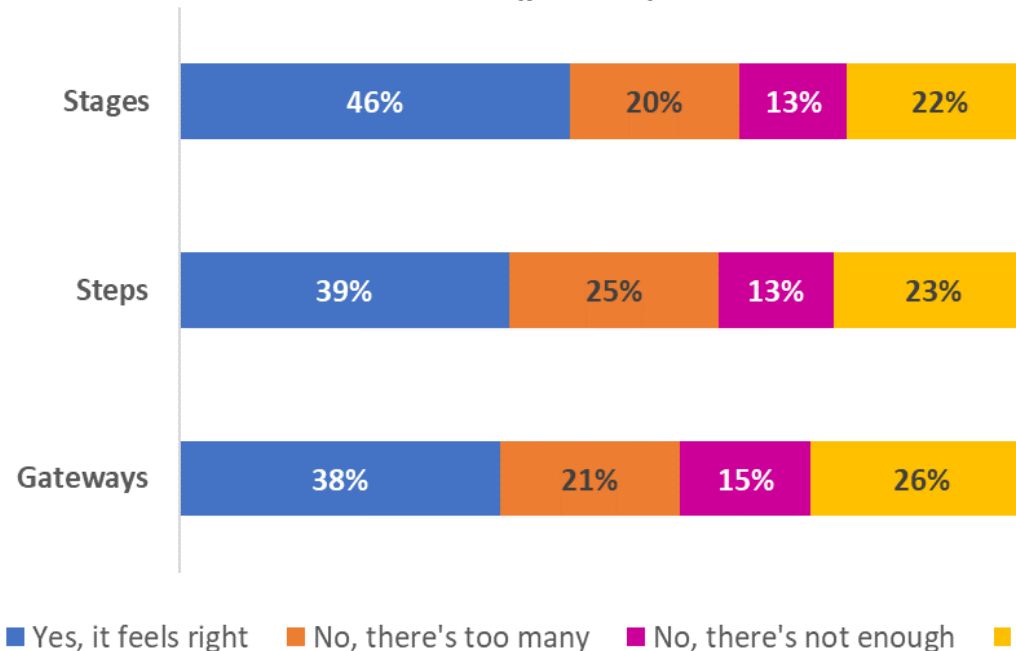
It was communicated via social media (LinkedIn, Twitter) and promoted via newsletter, meetings and emails.

A total of 170 overall responses were received.



Survey results: Stages/steps/gateways (1)

Do you think the number of stages/steps/gateways is appropriate?
(percent)



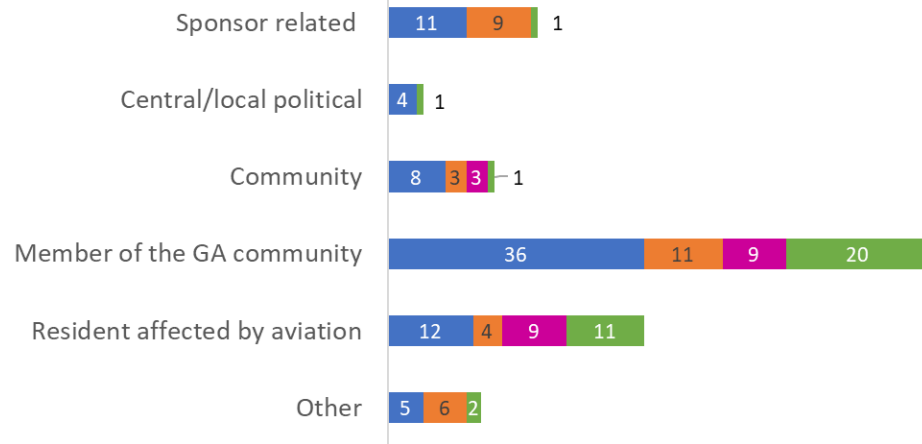
- 166 respondents answered the question about stages
- 163 respondents answered the question about steps
- 162 respondents answered the question about gateways



Survey results: Stages/steps/gateways (2)

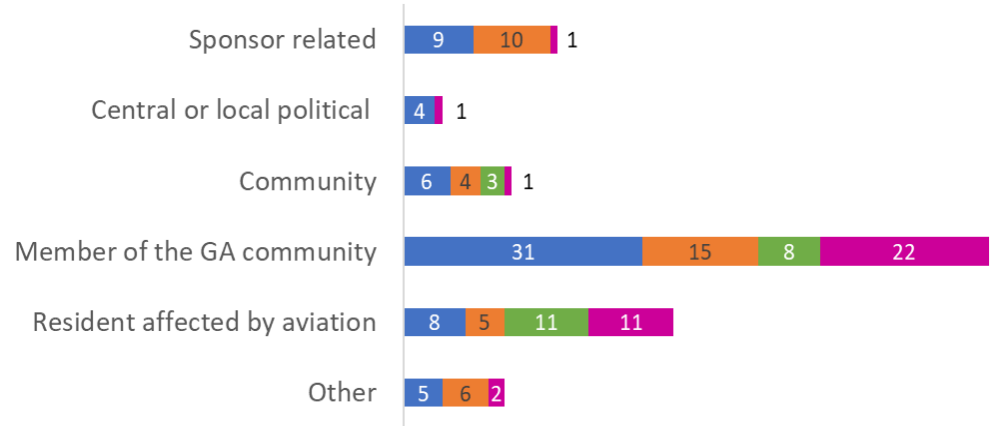


Do you think the number of **stages** is appropriate? (Respondent type/number)



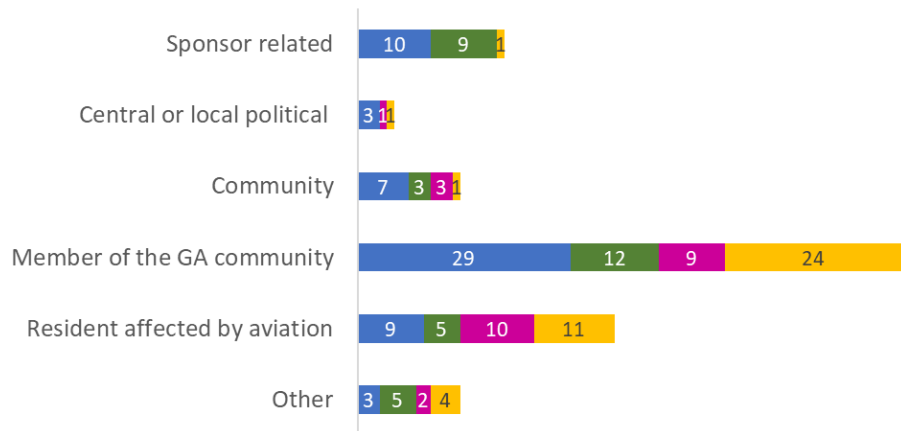
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Do you think the number of **steps** is appropriate (Respondent type/number)



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Do you think the number of **gateways** is appropriate (Respondent type/number)



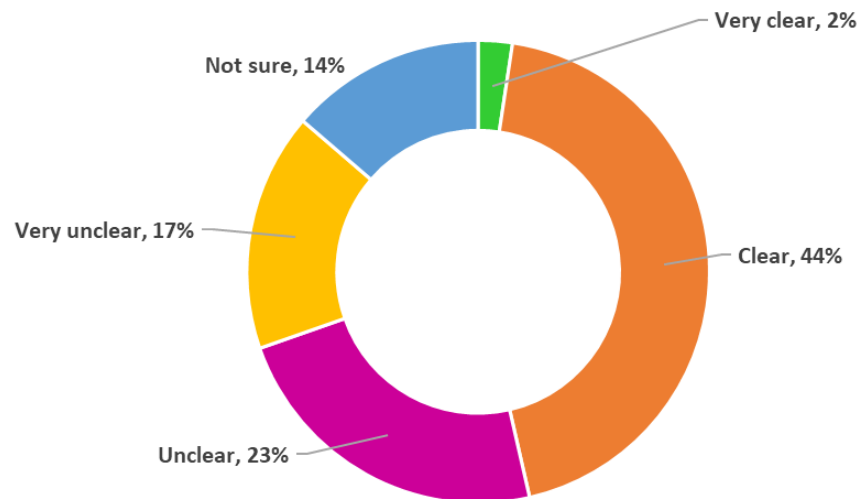
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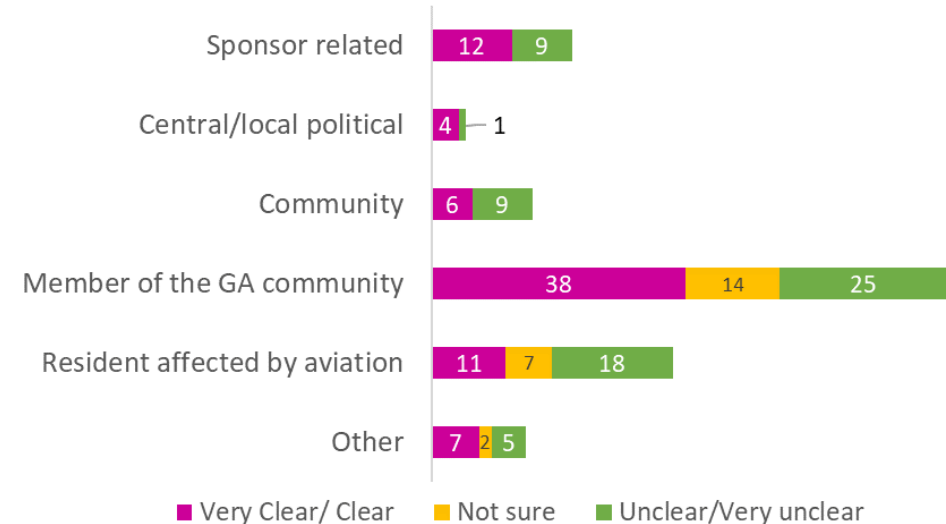
Survey results – Clarity of CAP1616

- 168 respondent answered this question
- Responses have been aggregated to 'very clear/clear' and 'unclear/very unclear'

How clear is CAP1616 at specifying what the CAA's regulatory requirements are? (percent)



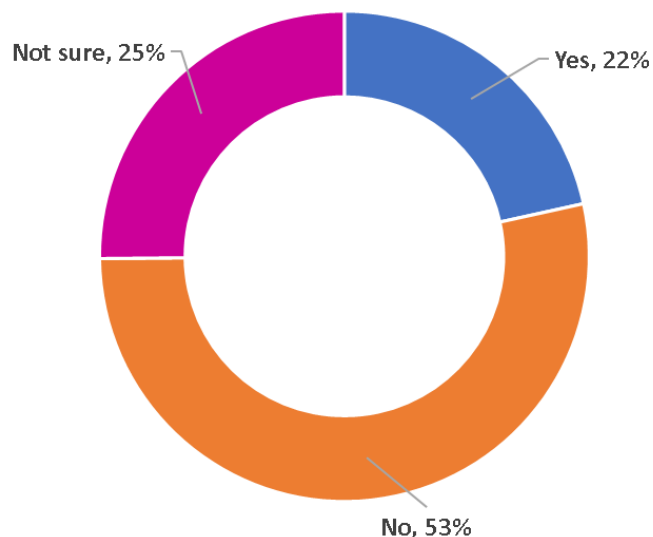
How clear is CAP1616 at specifying what the CAA regulatory requirements are? (Respondent type/number)



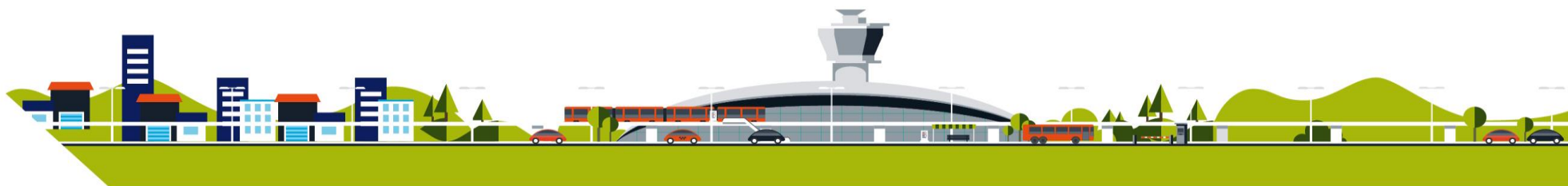
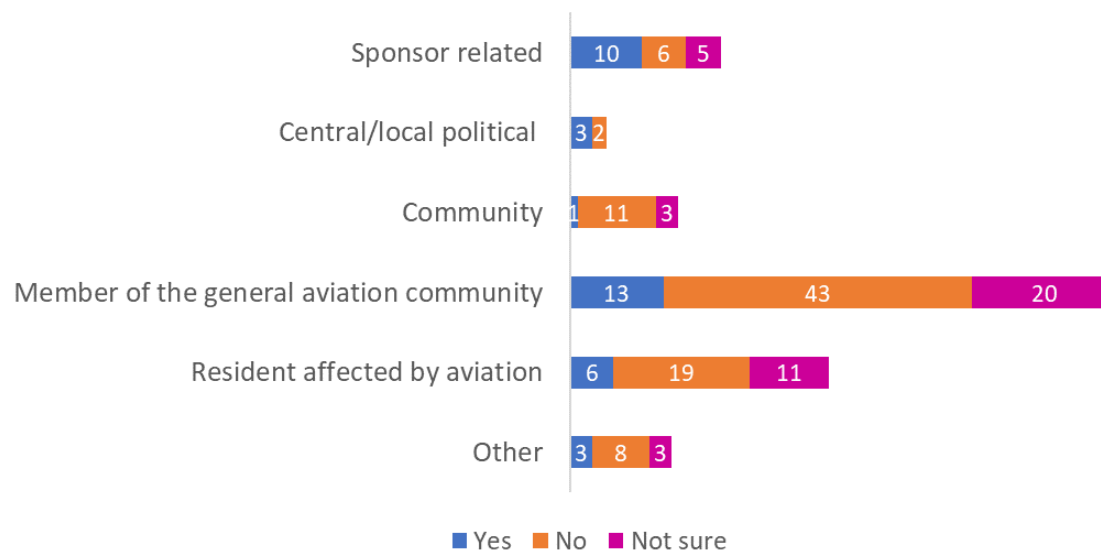
Survey results – Level of information provided

There were 167 respondents in total to this question

During the airspace change process, does the CAA provide enough information to you? (percent)



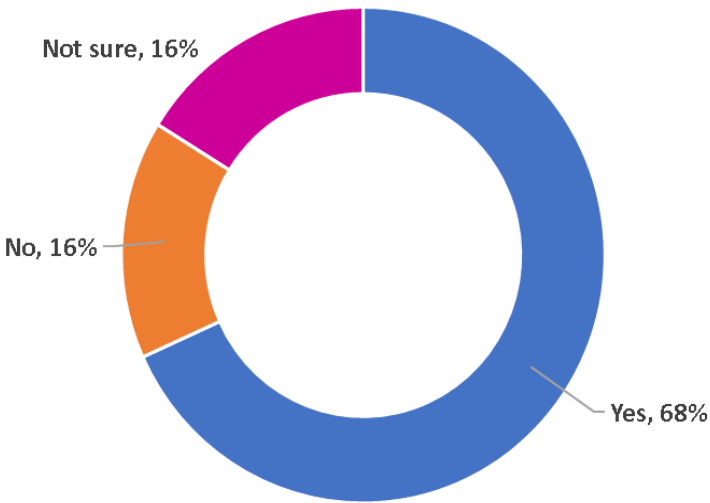
During the airspace change process, does the CAA provide enough information to you? (Respondent type/number)



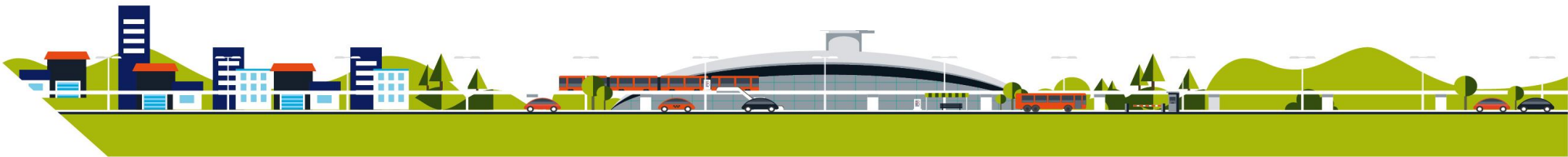
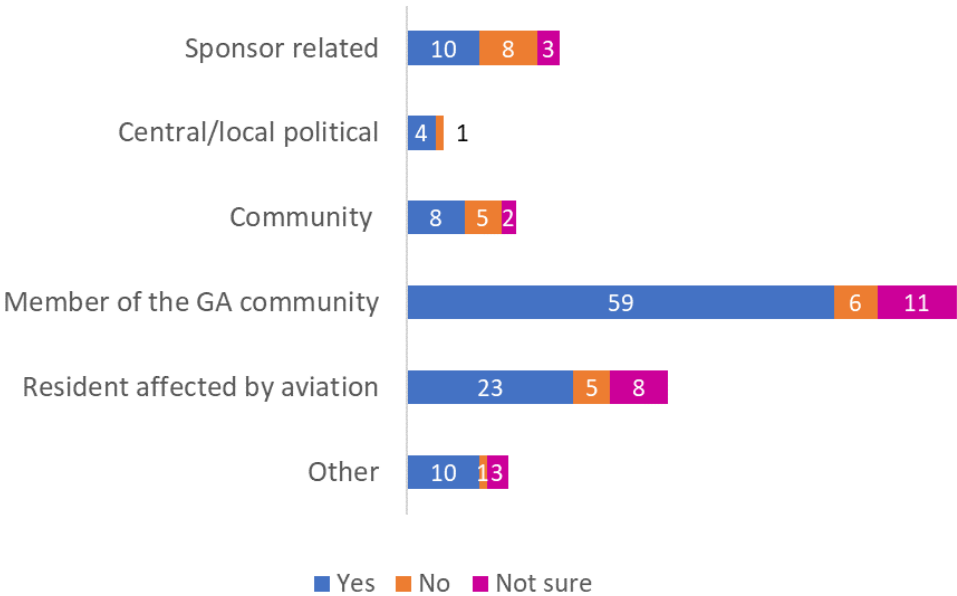
Survey results – Gateway for temporary ACPs / airspace trials

There were 167 respondents in total to this question

Should we provide a formal gateway for temporary airspace changes/trials in advance of targeted engagement/consultation commencing? (percent)



Should we provide a formal gateway for temporary airspace changes? (Respondent type by number)



Survey results – qualitative feedback

“The process must ensure effective engagement is had with key stakeholders from the outset.” *Central/local government*

“The process should focus on the design objectives and what the ACP sponsor actually needs. The current process leads to an adversarial rather than collaborative approach.” *GA*

“There needs to be more clarity in the document...and also more examples of what is required at each stage. This would focus peoples minds on the aim of each stage...perhaps speeding up the process.”
Change sponsor

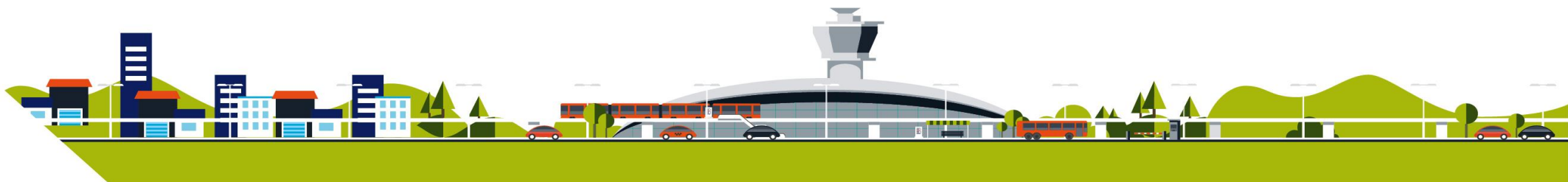


“Adapt the process to be scalable and appropriate for the level of change rather than ‘one size fits all’. It’s far too cumbersome for some changes.”
Change sponsor

“Clearer, simple guidance for sponsors and those engaged about what to expect from the sponsors and CAA, as expectations seem to be different.” *RPAS*

“It needs to ensure that the scrutiny of airspace change proposals is genuinely robust and fair.”

Local representative and member of airport noise board



Next steps

- Publish engagement summary report
- Consider options to address feedback themes
- Prepare for and conduct formal consultation on proposals to modify CAP1616
- Complete analysis of feedback and publish consultation response document
- Publish revised version (v5) of CAP1616



What do you need to do?



Monitor our dedicated CAP1616 Review webpage: www.caa.co.uk/review-of-CAP-1616 for the latest updates.

When the consultation is launched, share as you see fit to do so and respond – we really would welcome your feedback on our proposals.

Outside of the formal consultation process, please address any CAP1616 review related queries to the airspace.policy@caa.co.uk



Any Questions?

